

From: [Hebert, Michael](#)
To: [Canellas, Bart](#)
Cc: [Little, Bill](#); [Meyer, John](#)
Subject: RE: Devil's Swamp Lake and Wilcox Oil - Status and Community Relations
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 8:50:47 AM

Bart,

I spoke with John and we agreed that fact sheets should be sent out to inform the public of the status of activities at Devil's Swamp and Wilcox.

Please get with Bill and prepare fact sheets.

Thanks, Hebert

From: Canellas, Bart
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 7:25 AM
To: Hebert, Michael; Meyer, John; Little, Bill
Cc: Compton, Joseph; Nixon, Lance; Walters, Donn
Subject: RE: Devil's Swamp Lake and Wilcox Oil - Status and Community Relations

Any time you want.

Devil's Swamp Lake there isn't any to report to the public. There is a draft risk assessment currently under review by the EPA risk assessors, the state, other state agencies, and other Federal agencies. Once they finish the review will need to have a meeting with LDEQ to discuss comments and reach agreement in relation to risk assessment assumptions (what the PRP say, what EPA says, what the state says), once we reach agreement, will need to meet with PRPs, and get the risk assessments revised and final.

And then we would be at a point to say where we need to go next. At that time we can have a fact sheet, public meetings if they want, but not now. We need a document to present to the public.

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Wilcox is in the Enforcement Phase at this time. There isn't much to say at this time. I asked ODEQ if they felt another meeting or fact sheet was required at this time. They say NO. Until Enforcement First finishes, there isn't much we can say. Maybe in May, once they finish, we could have a meeting and announce at that time that will continue negotiations for AOC, will issue an order UAO, or will go fund lead. But at this time we don't know. We need a decision to present to the public.

Now, if what management wants is a fact sheet, EPA can issue one saying (1) the SNL was issued in July, (2) ODEQ is doing gw quarterly sampling of drinking water wells, (3) a well plug/fencing event was done at x date, (4) a soil sampling event was done in December, (5) results and future possible actions are currently under review, and (6) the Enforcement First process continues. But until we



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finish Enforcement First, there isn't much to say. And flagging out why one property gets sample and not others, could raise more questions with other properties. Maybe in May we would be in a better position to say what goes next.

John, do you want a FYI fact sheet now? Bill, do you want to take a cut to preparing a first draft fact sheet with the above actions?

Bart

From: Hebert, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Canellas, Bart
Subject: FW: Devil's Swamp

Bart,

Let me know when you are ready to discuss this.

Thanks, Hebert

From: Meyer, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Hebert, Michael
Subject: FW: Devil's Swamp

Fyi, maybe Bart and you can come by this week and discuss.

From: Little, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 2:05 PM
To: Canellas, Bart
Cc: Meyer, John; Walters, Donn; Drammeh, Joan
Subject: Devil's Swamp

Bart, What is the status of the samples and our next steps at the site(Devil's Swamp). I have received a call from a new individual and the interest in the site is about to take off again. I believe we need to schedule a meeting and do a new fact sheet to let the Community know what's going on before we are told that's what we need to do. The TAG is over and new interest is springing up. Have you ever seen the documentary, on the swamp by Florence Robinson, Biologist Southern University, and the organization called SOLA2050.ORG?

I also feel the same about the Wilcox Site.

Everyone is concentrating on Camp Minden at the present time, but we can't ignore the Wilcox Superfund Site. We (EPA) have never had a meeting, since the site went on the NPL December

2013. The only meeting was ODEQ in January 2014. I think the people need to hear from us about our current removal action (sampling) and fencing of a larger area and what we intend to do. I feel we are going to get a lot of additional criticism about the Site and our involvement.

I firmly believe both these sites are going to get a lot of press and activity and we need to get in front of it all.

Thanks,
Bill

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